

REMARKS

Applicants submit this paper in response to a communication received from the USPTO (Ms. Williams), which requested that the claim amendment portion of Applicants' November 22, 2004 Amendment be resubmitted with corrected claim indentifiers. Apparently, in the original Amendment several non-standard claim indentifiers were used (*e.g.*, "previously added"). In accordance with this request, Applicants have reviewed the claim indentifiers used in the previously-submitted Amendment and have conformed them to USPTO guidelines (*i.e.*, original, currently amended, not entered, canceled, withdrawn, previously presented and new). No further changes have been made to the actual text of the claims themselves.

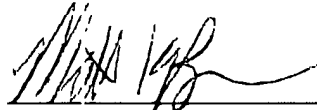
An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 3635-4000.

Respectfully submitted,
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